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REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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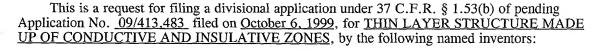
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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[]	under 3: inventio in anoth	5 U.S.C. § 122 n disclosed in	quests that the above-captioned application NOT BE PUBLISHED 2(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at filing.
[X]	supplied	herewith is co	of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application ated by reference therein.
[]	accordai	nce with 37 C. wing person or	ng filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In F.R. 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to <u>delete the name(s)</u> of <u>r persons</u> who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this
	(a)	Full Name	
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[]	In accordance Commis	dance with 37 sioner is reque	ng filed by more than all the inventors named in the prior application. C.F.R. 1.63(d)(5), a new oath or declaration is enclosed, and the sted to add the name(s) of the following person or persons who are on being claimed in this application.
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Applicant(s) suggests Figure 2 for inclusion on the front page of the patent

Enclosed is a copy of the prior Application No. <u>09/413,483</u> as originally filed on <u>October 6, 1999</u>, including copies of the specification, claims, drawings and the

application publication and/or patent.

executed oath or declaration as filed.

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- 2. [] Enclosed is a revised prior application and a copy of the prior executed oath or declaration as filed. No new matter has been added to the revised application.
- 3. [] Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- 4. [X] The filing fee is calculated below [X] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	No. Of CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$740.00 (101)
Total Claims	17	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	0.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (102) =	0.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (104)				0.00	
Total Application Fee			0.00		
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee			0.00		
Add Assignment Recording Fee of \$_ if Assignment document is enclosed			0.00		
TOTAL APPLICATION	ON FEE DUE	C			740.00

- 5. [] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- 6. [X] A check in the amount of \$ 740.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
- 7. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.
- 8. [X] Cancel in this application original claims <u>1-19</u> of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- 9. [] New drawings are enclosed.
- 10. [X] Priority of Application No. <u>98 13010</u> filed on <u>October 16, 1998</u> in <u>France</u> (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
 - [X] The certified copy of the priority application
 - [] is enclosed.
 - [X] was filed on October 6, 1999 in prior Application No. 09/413,483, filed on October 6, 1999, and acknowledged by the Examiner on May 9, 2001 in Paper No. 10.

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	[] has not yet been filed.
11. [X]	Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
	[X]This application is a [X] divisional of Application No. <u>09/413,483</u> , filed on <u>October 6, 1999</u>
	[]This application is a [] divisional of U.S. Application No., filed on, which was a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. filed on, which International Application [] was [] was not published by the International Bureau in English
	[]This application is a [] continuation [] divisional of U.S. Application No, filed on _, which was a continuation of International Application No, filed on , which International Application [] was [] was not published by the International Bureau in English on
12. [X]	A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
13. [X]	An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
14. []	A General Authorization for Payment of Fees and Petitions for Extensions of Time is enclosed.
15. []	Also enclosed
16. [X]	 The power of attorney in the prior application is to Robert E. Krebs, et al. a. [X] The power appears in the original papers in the prior application. b. [] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed. c. [X] Recognize as Associate Attorney Khaled Shami, Reg. No. 38,745. d. [X] Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)
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